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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence encoding a

cytoplasmic signalling molecule eomprising that comprises at least two cytoplasmic

signalling sequences, wherein at least one of the cytoplasmic signalling sequence sequences

is derived from CD134 or ICOS the human inducible co-stimulator.

2. (currently amended) A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein at least

one of the cytoplasmic signalling sequence sequences is a primary cytoplasmic signalling

sequence.

3-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein at least

one of the cytoplasmic signalling sequences is a secondary cytoplasmic signalling

sequence.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 2 to 7

claim 2, which encodes comprising a sequence encoding a cytoplasmic signaling molecule

that comprises three cytoplasmic signalling sequences.

9. (currently amended) A nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 2 to 7

claim 2, wherein the first cytoplasmic signalling sequence encoded for in a reading frame is

derived from CD134 or ICOS the human inducible co-stimulator.

10. (currently amended) A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 9, which encodes i)

a cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from CD134 followed in a reading frame by ii) a

cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from TCRζ.

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11. (currently amended) A nucleic acid <u>molecule</u> according to claim 9, which encodes i) a cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from ICOS the human inducible co-stimulator followed in <u>a</u> reading frame by ii) a cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from TCR ζ .

12. (currently amended) A nucleic acid <u>molecule</u> according to any one of claims 2 to 7 <u>claim 2</u>, wherein the second cytoplasmic signalling sequence encoded for in <u>a</u> reading frame is derived from CD134 or ICOS the human inducible co-stimulator.

13-15. (canceled)

- 16. (currently amended) A nucleic acid <u>molecule</u> according to <u>claim 8</u> which encodes in <u>a</u> reading frame i) a cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from CD28, ii) a cytoplasmic signalling domain derived from TCR ζ , and iii) a cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from CD134.
- 17. (currently amended) A nucleic acid <u>molecule</u> according to elaim 15 <u>claim 8</u> which encodes in <u>a</u> reading frame i) a cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from CD28, ii) a cytoplasmic signalling domain derived from TCR ζ , and iii) a cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from ICOS the human inducible co-stimulator.
- 18. (currently amended) A nucleic acid <u>molecule</u> encoding a chimeric receptor protein, which comprises an extracellular ligand-binding domain, a transmembrane domain and a cytoplasmic signalling domain, wherein the cytoplasmic signalling domain is encoded by a nucleic acid <u>sequence</u> according to <u>any one of claims 1 to 17 claim 1</u>.
- 19. (currently amended) A nucleic acid <u>molecule</u> encoding a chimeric receptor protein, which comprises an extracellular ligand-binding domain, a transmembrane domain and a cytoplasmic signalling domain, wherein the cytoplasmic signalling domain comprises a single cytoplasmic signalling sequence derived from CD134 or the human inducible costimulator.

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20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A nucleic acid molecule according to elaims 18 and 20 claim 18

wherein the extracellular ligand-binding domain is an antibody, or an antigen-binding

fragment thereof.

22-24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) A vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to any

one of the preceding claims claim 1.

26. (currently amended) A host cell containing a nucleic acid molecule according to any

one of claims 1 to 24, or a vector according to claim 25 claim 1.

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A chimeric receptor protein encoded by a nucleic acid molecule

according to any one of claims 18-20 claim 18.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) A host cell according to elaims 26 or 29 claim 26, which is a

resting or senescent T-lymphocyte.

31-34. (canceled)

35. (new) A method for treating HIV infection, asthma, eczema, cystic fibrosis, sickle

cell anemia, psoriasis, multiple sclerosis, organ transplant rejection, graft-versus-host disease,

diabetes, or cancer comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease or

disorder a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

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36. (new) A method for treating HIV infection, asthma, eczema, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, psoriasis, multiple sclerosis, organ transplant rejection, graft-versus-host disease, diabetes, or cancer comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease or disorder a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 18.

37. (new) A composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.